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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A convertible pillow blanket sized and shaped for substantially covering a user while the user is in a seated or supine position, and foldable for conversion into a pillow, the convertible pillow blanket comprising:

a substantially rectangular blanket having a first surface and a second surface, opposing first and second side edges that define the width of the blanket, and opposing top and bottom edges that define the length of the blanket, the blanket having an elongated middle portion with a width that is wholly divisible into the width of the blanket, the middle portion in alignment with and extending the length of the blanket along a longitudinal centerline, and with the width of the middle portion defined by longitudinal fold lines;

a panel having first and second side edges and top and bottom edges, with the top and bottom edges of the panel having substantially the same length, the first, second, and bottom edges of the panel being connected to the blanket, with the bottom edge of the panel being substantially coincident with the bottom edge of the blanket, and with the length of the bottom edge of the panel being substantially defining ~~coincident with~~ the width of the middle portion of the blanket, and with the first and second side edges of the panel substantially coinciding with said longitudinal fold lines, the

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panel and the blanket forming a dual function pocket, wherein the pocket may configured to either receive at least one lower appendage of a user when the pillow blanket is used as a blanket, or to and wherein the pocket may receive a substantial portion of the pillow blanket when the blanket is folded in a predetermined pattern so that the pillow blanket may be converted into a pillow comprised of the folded blanket and the pocket;
and,

a pair of apertures, with the apertures spaced from each other in generally horizontal alignment along either side of the longitudinal centerline of the blanket, with the apertures spaced a predetermined distance from the top edge of the blanket, and with the apertures configured and arranged to receive at least one upper appendage of a user such that the upper appendage may protrude substantially therethrough from one surface of the blanket to the other surface of the blanket.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The pillow blanket of Claim 14, wherein at least one of the apertures has an oblong shape to facilitate movement of an upper appendage as it protrudes therethrough.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The pillow blanket of Claim 15, wherein the oblong aperture has an elongated axis that is generally parallel to the longitudinal centerline of the blanket.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The pillow blanket of claim 14, wherein the first and second side edges of the panel are substantially the same length, and wherein the length of the first and second side edges is wholly divisible into the length of the blanket, whereby the first and second side edges of the blanket may be folded inwardly about said longitudinal fold lines into overlying relation to said blanket middle portion and the

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thus folded blanket being thereafter foldable end-over-end along it's length to a size and shape permitting it to be tucked into the pocket to form a pillow.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The pillow blanket of claim 14, further comprising at least one sleeve, with the sleeve operatively connected to one of the apertures of the blanket, the sleeve configured and arranged to receive the upper appendage of a user as it protrudes through the aperture.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The pillow blanket of claim 18, wherein the sleeve and the pocket are on opposite surfaces of the blanket.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A convertible pillow blanket suitable for substantially covering a user while the user is in a seated or supine position, and suitable for folding to a size and shape that forms a pillow, the convertible pillow blanket comprising:

a substantially rectangular blanket having a first face and a second face, the blanket having first and second side edges that define the width of the blanket and top and bottom edges that define the length of the blanket, the blanket further comprising an elongated middle portion having a width that is about one-third the width of the blanket, the middle portion in substantial alignment with and extending the length of the blanket along a longitudinal centerline,

a dual function pocket having a top edge, sides, and a bottom, the pocket having an upwardly facing opening defined by the pocket top edge and the blanket, the pocket in substantial alignment with and extending along a portion of the longitudinal centerline, with the bottom of the pocket extending towards the bottom edge of the blanket, wherein the pocket is configured and arranged ~~to either~~ so that it may receive at least one lower appendage of a user when the pillow blanket is used as a blanket, ~~or to~~

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and wherein the blanket is foldable into the pocket to form a pillow receive
~~the blanket so that the blanket may be converted into a pillow;~~

- a pair of apertures spaced a predetermined distance from the top edge of the blanket, with each of the apertures located along a horizontal center line that is generally perpendicular to the longitudinal centerline of the blanket, with the apertures spaced apart from each other along either side of the longitudinal centerline; and,
- a pair of sleeves, wherein each of the pair of sleeves includes a first end and a second end, with the first end of each sleeve operatively connected to the blanket at a respective aperture, and wherein the second ends of the pair of sleeves extend away from each other in opposite directions when the blanket is arranged in a generally planar configuration.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The pillow blanket of claim 20, wherein the pair of sleeves are located on the first face of the blanket and the pocket is located on the second face of the blanket.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The pillow blanket of claim 20, wherein the second ends of each of the pair of sleeves extend beyond the respective side edges of the blanket.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The pillow blanket of claim 20, wherein at least one of the second ends of the pair of sleeves comprises an expandable cuff.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The pillow blanket of claim 20, wherein each of the apertures comprises an oblong shape, and each of the apertures having an oblique orientation relative to the horizontal center line of the blanket.